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SUBJECT: ROK-JAPAN RELATIONS

REF: A SEOUL 8616; B TOKYO 136

SUMMARY: JAPANESE EMBASSY APPEARS GUARDEDLY OPTIMISTIC  
OVER IMMEDIATE FUTURE OF ROK-JAPAN RELATIONS. END  
SUMMARY.

1. JAPANESE FIRST SECRETARY KAWASHIMA TOLD EMBOFF  
JAN 7 THAT JAPANESE EMBASSY IN SEOUL, IN PROCESS  
OF CHANGING ITS TOP TWO DIPLOMATS, FORESEES A PERIOD  
OF CALM IN ROK JAPAN RELATIONS DURING FIRST FEW WEEKS  
OF 1975. HE SAID THAT ROKG IS STILL SIZING UP MIKI,  
WHOSE ELECTION CAUGHT KOREANS BY SURPRISE, AND THAT  
AT LEAST FOR THE PRESENT ROKG SEEMS DISPOSED TO AVOID  
ANY NEW CRISIS WITH JAPAN. STILL, HE CAUTIONED, GOJ  
FINDS ROK REACTION TO ANY GIVEN ISSUE CONSISTENTLY  
UNPREDICTABLE.

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2. OSAKA INVESTIGATION (REF A): KAWASHIMA SAID

THAT ROK HAS GIVEN JAPAN A NOTE VERBALE STATING THAT ROKG "DESIRES" THAT THE INVESTIGATION BE PURSUED. NOTE DOES NOT REQUEST A REPLY AND JAPANESE DO NOT CONSIDER IT AN ULTIMATUM, ACCORDING TO KAWASHIMA, WHO EXPECTS THAT ROK WILL NOT PRESS MATTER FOR AT LEAST A MONTH. HOWEVER, IF ROKG NOT CONVINCED EVENTUALLY THAT INVESTIGATION IS CONTINUING EFFECTIVELY, WELL PRESENT JAPANESE WITH NEW DEMAND. HE ADDED THAT GOJ'S PROBLEM IS THAT NO INVESTIGATION CAN SUBSTANTIVE ROKG VERSION OF EVENTS LEADING TO AUGUST 15 INCIDENT.

3. TWO JAPANESE STUDENTS; JAPANESE EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT TWO JAPANESE CONVICTED UNDER EMERGENCY MEASURES WILL HAVE THEIR CASES COMPLETED DURING JANUARY ALONG WITH OTHER VIOLATORS OF THE DECREES, AND THAT ROKG IS QUITE LIKELY TO RELEASE MANY OF THE VIOLATORS INCLUDING THE JAPANESE SHORTLY THEREAFTER. PROBLEM FOR ROKG, ACCORDING TO KAWASHIMA, IS THAT WHILE ROK CITIZENS WHO ARE RELEASED MAY BE REQUIRED TO SIGN A PLEDGE NOT TO ENGAGE IN FUEATHER ANTI-ROKG ACTIVITY, THERE IS NO GUARANTEE THAT THE JAPANESE WOULD HONOR SUCH A PLEDGE (EVEN IF THEY AGREED TO SIGN IT) ONCE THEY LEAVE ROK JURISDICTION. LIKELIHOOD THAT THE TWO JAPANESE WILL RETURN TO JAPAN AND DENOUNCE THE ROKG HAS GIVEN ROKG RESERVATIONS ABOUT RELEASING THEM, SAID KAWASHIMA, WHO INDICATED THAT MOFA HAS UNSUCCESSFULLY ATTEMPTED TO GET HIS EMBASSY INVOLVED IN CURBING FUTURE ACTIVITIES OF THE TWO.

4. KIM TAE-CHUNG KAWASHIMA SAID THAT GOJ WILL NOT PUSH ROKG FURTHER ON THIS CASE, ALTHOUGH IT WILL CONTINUE TO "MENTION" IT OCCASIONALLY. HE SAID THAT JAPANESE ARE RELUCTANT TO PRESS ROKG ON THE ASPECT OF ROK'S PENDING LEGAL INVESTIGATION OF KIM FOR FEAR OF BEING ACCUSED OF INTERFERING IN ROK DOMESTIC AFFAIRS.

5. KIM TONG-UN: CASE OF ROK DIPLOMAT IMPLICATED IN KIM TAE-CHUNG CASE CANNOT BE PURSUED, ACCORDING TO KAWASHIMA. HE SAID JAPANESE EMBASSY HAD INQUIRED OF MOFA MERELY CONCERNING KIM'S WHEREABOUTS AND HAD BEEN CONFIDENTIAL

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TOLD CURTLY THAT SINCE CASE WAS SETTLE "DIPLOMATICALLY" (I.E. PRIMIN KIM'S TRIP OF APOLOGY TO TOKYO) THERE IS NO NEED TO DISCUSS IT FURTHER.

6. SAKHALIN KOREAN: DESPITE OPTIMISM IN ROK PRESS OVER RECENT RELEASE BY SOVIETS OF A KOREAN RESIDENT OF SAKHALIN, KAWASHIMA SAID THAT THERE HAS BEEN NO PROGRESS ON THIS ISSUE AND THAT GOJ DOES NOT EXPECT

ANY, ALTHOUGH ROKG CONTINUES TO PROD TOKYO MILDLY  
TO PURSUE IT WITH MOSCOW.

7. COMMENT: KAWASHIMA'S COMMENTS SUPPORT IMPRESSION  
REF B THAT JAPAN IS NOT AT THE MOMENT INCLINED TO  
ANTAGONIZE ROK OVER PENDING ISSUES BETWEEN THE TWO  
COUNTRIES. AS USUAL, HOWEVER, AVOIDANCE OF CONFRONTATION  
APPEARS TO DEPEND MORE ON ROKG ATTITUDE, WHICH IS NOT  
YET CLEAR.  
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